BIO FOR LISA ELGIN

Lisa Elgin is an enrolled member of the Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians, located in Mendocino County, CA. She has served as a Board Member for Sonoma County Indian Health Project since elected in 1999. She has been one of two elected Delegates to the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) for the past eight years; and in October 2014, Ms. Elgin was nominated as Chair for the CRIHB Board. In her capacity as CRIHB Board Chair, she serves as the California Regional representative to the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), and currently serves as their Secretary. At present, Ms. Elgin is the Tribal Administrator for her Tribe and was hired to the position in May 2014. Her profession is in the legal field, and she worked for over 25 years as a Legal Assistant/Legal Secretary, with numerous lawyers who specialized in Federal Indian law. Her life has always been dedicated to working for Indian organizations and agencies. She is an avid and active community member and participates and coordinates events for the health clinic as well as her Tribe. She comes from a very spiritual and traditional family and credits her parents and grandparents for these teachings. Family has always played an important role in her life, guiding her to be a voice and advocate for health care for her Native relations. She is steadfast in her faith and responsible in carrying on her traditional ways and teachings.